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For: LAN Switch with Rapid Fault Recovery

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(37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)**

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because applicant is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is:

☐ applicant's birth certificate

☒ a declaration by the applicant that he/she is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

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If the Examiner has any questions or needs additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (408) 436-2110.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dileep Sivasankaran, et al.

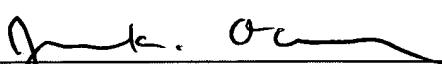
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**STATEMENT OF APPLICANT'S AGE**

Sir or Madam:

My name is Frank S. Madren.

I am a co-inventor of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/678,977, filed  
October 3, 2003.

I am over 65 years old. More specifically, I am now 68 years old.

Dated:

March 7, 2007

By:

Frank S. Madren

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